THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR) : (a) A comprehensive Draft Policy on Indian Systems of Medicines has been circulated for comments of stake holders.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Twenty countries including 7 Ministers and 170 delegates attended the Seminar-cum-Presentation on Indian Systems of Medicines organized at the World Health Assembly at Geneva.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A token provision was made in the budget of this Department for 2001-02.

In the Conference of State Health Minsters of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy it was suggested that States may identify places of interest of the tourists such as good teaching institutions manufacturing units, authentic treatment centres, herbal gardens etc. It is expected that States will take initiatives which will boost medical tourism.

Doctors in CGHS Homoeopathic Dispensary, R. K. Puram

2148. MISS FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to replies to Unstarred Questions 2927 and 3691 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th and 27th August, 2001 repectively and state :

(a) the names of doctors posted in Sector-12 CGHS Homoeopathic dispensary and since when;

(b) whether it is a fact that only two doctors are working for the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR) : (a) The doctors posted in CGHS Homoeopathic Dispensary, Sector-12, R.K. Puram, are as under :—

Name of Doctors	Date of Posting
Dr. (Ms.) Vijay Laxmi	31-05-2000
Dr. Sushma Verma	03-11-2001
Dr. Seema Gupta	18-08-2001

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The number of doctors posted in CGHS Homoeopathic dispensary Sector-12, R. K. Puram during the last three years are as under :—

From December 98 to May 2000	—	Two Doctors
From June 2000 to February 2001	—	Three Doctors
From March 2001 to October 2001	—	Two Doctors
From November 2001 onwards	—	Three Doctors

Supply of sub-standard contraceptives in U. P.

2149. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been revealed in the report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India that sub-standard contraceptives were supplied in U. P. ;

(b) whether it was due to this that the birth rate in the State could not be controlled and the targets fixed under National Family Welfare Programme were not achieved ; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that population explosion is checked, particularly in UP and Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India, for the year ending March 2000, had made such observations. During the period, the supplies of contraceptives were made on the basis of norms which prescribe that at the time of offering for inspection, the stocks offered for inspection should not have crossed more than 1/6 th of the total life, and should have a total shelf life not less than four years (48 months) from the date of manufacture.

In addition, the contraceptives being supplied are meticulously tested first at the manufacturers' end and thereafter at designated laboratories authorized by the Government. A network of Regional Directors at field level are authorized to conduct field tests (also known as Stage-II test) of supplies on a random basis.

The States are fully authorized to return the stocks if these are found sub-standard or of short expiry within a month of such instances coming to their notice. In such cases, the replacement of the quantity is to be made by the